In regard to the implication of the indefinite extension of the Non-Proliferation Treaty as it has again been clearly pointed out by the Prime Minister, it has created a situation where the five permanent nuclear-weapon states will continue to have nuclear weapons and they can vertically expand them refine them stockpile them—and with the latest technologies, a physical test is not required, it could be conducted on the computer itself. Therefore, in our assessment of the situation, the indefinite extension of the Non-Proliferation Treaty has not helped nuclear disarmament within a definitive time-frame, for which in 1988 the then Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi placed his proposal in the Special Session of the Disarmament Conference.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, we as a nation have always been pleading for a nuclear—weapon-free world. As our Government has rightly taken the view, the C.T.B.T. doesn't lead to a nuclear-weapon-free world. The nuclear weapon states have been practising hypocrisy. Look at France! It recently conducted six tests and the President of France goes to Washington, hugs Bill Clinton, and says, "I am now for the C.T.B.T.", because these six tests have enabled France to go in for computer-simulated nuclear tests.

Sir, we are all one on this. There is absolute national consensus on the C.T.B.T. So, like we passed a Resolution on Kashmir when China came to commit aggression, I would like to propose to the Government that the Parliament should pass a resolution unanimously on this question — I am not doubting the will of the Government, but — to tell the world as to how the whole nation stands behind the Government on this question. Will the Government take the initiative in this regard?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: I entirely agree with the hon. Member that on this issue there is a broad consensus and when we had the privilege of discussing the C.T.B.T. — the N.P.T., not the C.T.B.T. — on the floor of this House, we received very wide support. In regard to the passage of the resolution, as the hon. Member is aware, there are certain technicalities and as the Leader of the House is just not present here, I will talk to him and see to it if it is possible to have a resolution in both the Houses of Parliament.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, there are no technical difficulties. All of us agree and we can pass a resolution. A motion can be tabled from the Chair and we can have a discussion also.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: That we can discuss, not here, but in the chamber.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Plantation Programmes

*83. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the different plantation programmes under implementation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in different states;

(b) the progress of those programmes as on date;

(c) the steps taken to implement those programmes effectively; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Annual targets are fixed for afforestation and tree-planting activities under the 20-point Programme for each of the States/Union Territories. These activities are carried out under various schemes of the Central and State Governments. An illustrative list of such schemes is given in Statement-I (*see* below). The State Governments/UT administrations implement these schemes. The annual targets and achievements for the period 1992-93 to 1995-96 is given in statement-II (*see* below). The progress of all afforestation and tree planting activities taken up under point 16(a) & (b) of the 20 Point Programme is monitored regulary at the level of Central Government. Information on location-wise plantations for each State/Union territory undertaken every year is also kept in the libraries of Parliament and the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Sample checks are done of the plantation work in approximately 50 districts on a random basis through independent agencies every year.

Statement-I

List of Major Schemes for tree plantation activities

(a) Ministry of Environment and Forests

1. Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme.
2. Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project Scheme.
3. Non-Timber forest produce including Medicinal Plants Scheme.
4. Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Agencies.
5. Eco Task Force
6. Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries.
7. Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in the Regeneration of degraded forests.

(b) Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment

1. Integranted Wastelands Development Projects Scheme.
2. Technology Development, Training & Extension Scheme.
3. Grant-in-Aid Scheme.
4. Investment Promotion Scheme.
5. Wastelands Development Task Force.
6. Employment Assurance Scheme
7. Jawahar Rozghar Yojana
8. Integrated Rural Development Programme
9. Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)
10. Desert Development Programme (DDP)

(c) Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation

1. Scheme of Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects (RVP)
2. Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers (FPR)
3. Reclamation of Special Problem Areas and Improvement of Productivity
4. Reclamation and Development of Alkali Soils in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar with European Economic Community (EEC)
5. Scheme of Watershed Management for Shifting cultivation areas in N.E. India
6. Integrated Watershed Management in the Ravinous Areas (Phase-II)
7. Indo-dutch North Bengal Terai Development Project (Phase-III)
8. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA)
9. Indo-German Bilateral Programme on Watershed Management.
10. Integrated Watershed Development Project (Hills)
11. Integrated Watershed Development Project (Plains)

(d) Various Schemes under State Plans.

Statement-II

Statewise Targets and Achievements under point no. 16 (A) & (B) (Afforestation/Tree Planting) of the 20-Point Programme

Area in hectares
Seedlings in Lakhs

Sl.No.	Year	Target		Achievement	
		Seedling Distribution (For Plantation on Private Lands	Area (Public Lands including Forest Lands)	Seedling Distribution (For Plantation on Private Lands	Area (Public Lands including Forest Lands)
1	1992-93	14500.00	1064000.00	12450.87	1062225.52
2	1993-94	13509.00	1165300.00	11097.61	963888.17
3	1994-95	12085.10	1031320.00	10810.65	984102.06
4	1995-96	11354.91	1123784.00	8279.75*	754446.37*
	Total	51449.01	4384404.00	42638.88	3764662.12

* = Upto February, 1996